

In addition to the comments below, I would just like to say how disturbing I find the precedence set by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to FORCE their stations to air this event. I can't think of a more dangerous example of a large corporation attempting to influence our Nation's electoral process.

How have our elections progressed if we still have to rely on mud-slinging negative campaigning to win votes? I am still an undecided voter; however, I find this one-sided "journalism" to be offensive and irresponsible.

President Bush should be among those speaking out against this type of conduct. If he and his campaign don't say anything or worse yet, endorse it, then the decision for my vote is made easy.

If Sinclair indeed goes ahead and airs this program, then my vote will definately be going to Mr. Kerry.

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Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.